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Sent: 10/20/2018 7:54:18 PM
To: Yeow, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=613120791828428b8cbfd6178910d97e-Yeow, Arron]
Subject: Re: CASAC

Ty. As epa turns....

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On Oct 18, 2018, at 10:32 AM, Yeow, Aaron <Yeow.Aaron@epa.gov> wrote:

More correspondence.

From: tcoxdenver@aol.com [<mailto:tcoxdenver@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 18, 2018 10:26 AM
To: sreilly@eenews.net
Cc: Yeow, Aaron <Yeow.Aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CASAC

Yesterday, when I received your e-mail.

I was contacted by EPA a little over a year ago to ask whether I would willing to serve in this role, but did not know who had nominated me until I learned it from you.

Best,

-- Tony

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From: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
To: tcoxdenver@aol.com
Cc: Yeow, Aaron <Yeow.Aaron@epa.gov>
Sent: Thu, Oct 18, 2018 4:48 am
Subject: RE: CASAC

Tony:

Thank you for the correction on the silica issue; I misread a Bloomberg article. One other question: When/how did you become aware that the Chamber had nominated you for a seat on the CASAC?

Regards,
Sean

From: tcoxdenver@aol.com [tcoxdenver@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 11:14 PM
To: Sean Reilly

Cc: Yeow.Aaron@epa.gov

Subject: Re: CASAC

Sean, I do not believe that I was ever sounded out by anyone in the Chamber. I am not currently doing any work for them. I do not recall ever providing services to them, although I recognize that 40 years of consulting and research is a long time.

You mentioned past work that you said I had done for the Chamber on issues such as OSHA's silica dust regs. My own recollection is that I did that work for the Crystalline Silica Panel of the American Chemistry Council. I am not sure how or whether they are connected to the Chamber, but I have not considered the Chamber a client. (My publications on crystalline silica list clients whose support made my research possible, but I do not believe the Chamber is one of them.)

Best,

-- Tony

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From: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>

To: [tcoxdenver](mailto:tcoxdenver@aol.com) <tcoxdenver@aol.com>

Cc: [Yeow.Aaron](mailto:Yeow.Aaron@epa.gov) <Yeow.Aaron@epa.gov>

Sent: Wed, Oct 17, 2018 7:31 pm

Subject: RE: CASAC

Hi Tony:

I appreciate your getting back to me so quickly; this is very helpful. Just to make sure that I've understood correctly, is it accurate that neither Mr. Byers nor anyone else affiliated with the Chamber first sounded you out before nominating you for the CASAC? If so, when did you become aware that you were a candidate?

Also, as I'm not familiar with the application of federal ethics requirements to special government employees and am likely to get this question from an editor, are you currently doing any work for the Chamber? If not, when did you last provide any services to the Chamber, and in what capacity/subject area?

Thank you again,
Sean

From: tcoxdenver@aol.com [tcoxdenver@aol.com]

Sent: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 8:37 PM

To: Sean Reilly

Cc: Yeow.Aaron@epa.gov

Subject: Re: CASAC

Thanks, Sean. I was unaware of these details of the nomination process. I have no information about why Mr. Byers, or any other particular person or group, nominated me. (Although I do not know, I hope that it was because of my long-standing commitment to applying objective, transparent, data-driven science and analytics to address important risk analysis questions, along with my insistence on following wherever the data lead.)

I did not agree with anyone outside EPA to do anything for anyone as a condition of my nomination. I have made no commitments to anyone about CASAC, other than to the Administrator and EPA to do my best to assure that we give objective, dispassionate, high-quality scientific advice without regard for politics, policy, or other considerations that go beyond science.

To those who might question my objectivity, I would note first that the US EPA has an ethics program that I support and follow. Second, I have disclosed all potential conflicts of interest of which I am aware, including previous work for the EPA, USDA, WHO, industry, and universities. I am not beholden to any previous or current clients or organizations, as my only commitments as a consultant have been to discover and describe the truth as well as I can on matters involving various types of risks. My views on how best to pursue objective scientific truth about risks using data and analytics are extensively documented and published in the open literature.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

-- Tony

-----Original Message-----

From: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>

To: tcoxdenver@aol.com

Sent: Wed, Oct 17, 2018 6:05 pm

Subject: CASAC

Hi Tony:

I just wanted to let you know that we'll be running a story tomorrow based on newly obtained records that show you were nominated to CASAC last year by Dan Byers of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Given that the Chamber has regularly opposed significant changes to air quality regs, such as the 2012 PM NAAQS, the 2015 Brick MACT, and the 2015 ozone NAAQS, what is your understanding of why Mr. Byers nominated you? Is it related to past work that you have done for the Chamber on issues such as OSHA's silica dust regs? Did you agree to do anything as a condition of the nomination? I will be sure to note your past comments that no decision has been made on potential revisions to the PM NAAQS, but how would you respond to those in the public health and environmental community who might question your objectivity as CASAC Chairman in conducting that review in light of your nomination by the Chamber?

My deadline 11:30 a.m. (ET) tomorrow.

Thanks very much,
Sean

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